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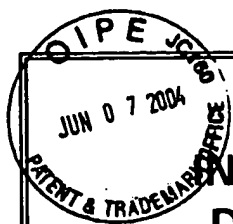
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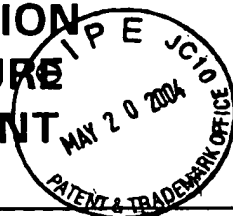
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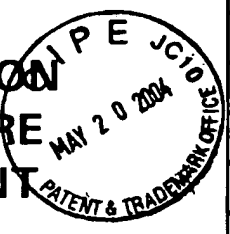
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	5993454	11/30/1999	Longo
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